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Press Release

To: Members of the Public
From: David Barrow
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Re: Central Thruway Speed Limit

Central, LA - On Monday, December 15, 2014, the speed limit on the Central Thruway will be increased to 55mph after the necessary studies were conducted by the City-Parish Department of Public Works Traffic Engineering Division. The Central Thruway is under the jurisdiction of the City-Parish. The previously posted speed limit was 50mph.

Studies were conducted the week of November 17 – 25, 2014, and after reviewing the studies and making some minor safety improvements, the Traffic Engineering Division made the decision to raise the speed limit to 55mph, which is the maximum speed limit allowed within an incorporated area by state law.

Studies show nearly 8,000 vehicles per day use the Central Thruway between Florida Blvd and Frenchtown Rd, and nearly 7,400 vehicles per day use the Central Thruway between Frenchtown Rd and Greenwell Springs Rd.

The study indicated that nearly two-thirds of the drivers on the roadway drove in the 46-55mph pace speed range. Only 6% of the drivers exceeded 61 mph.